

In the Claims

Please replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application with the following list of claims:

1. (Currently Amended) A recreation, exercise, ~~gymnastic~~, entertainment and sports activity training slide for supporting a user, ~~[[such]]~~ the slide having comprising:

a base; and

a top surface to facilitate sliding thereon, said top surface comprising being characterized as having a low friction, durable sheeting layer material, wherein said low friction material is constructed and arranged for sliding thereon by a user:

(a) when said top surface is dry;

(b) when said top surface is wet;

(c) when said top surface is in a substantially horizontal position without the assistance of gravity; and

(d) when said top surface is in an inclined position for gravity-induced sliding which enables the user to traverse thereon both when said top surface is wet and dry, said slide wherein means are provided for introducing water to said top surface.

2. (Currently Amended) The slide of claim 1 wherein said top surface is supported by said base, and a portion of said base which is inclined to facilitate gravity-induced sliding on said top surface.

3. (Currently Amended) The slide of claim 1 wherein said top surface is bouncy when ~~traversed~~ sliding thereon by a user.

4. (Withdrawn) The slide of claim 3 wherein said bouncy surface is provided by said base which contains foam padding.

5. (Currently Amended) The slide of claim 3 wherein said bouncy surface is provided by said base which comprises an air inflatable membrane.

6. (Original) The slide of claim 5 further comprising of an air blower for maintaining inflation of said base.
7. (Original) The slide of claim 5 wherein said slide is portable such that said air inflatable membrane can be deflated for shipping and inflated on-site for use.
8. (Currently Amended) The slide of claim 1 wherein said low friction, durable sheeting ~~layer is~~ material includes a separate layer sized to lie upon and substantially fully cover said top surface.
9. (Withdrawn) The slide of claim 2 wherein said durable sheeting material comprises a surface membrane permanently adhered to said base.
10. (Currently Amended) The slide of claim 1 wherein said low friction durable sheeting ~~layer~~ material comprises a member selected from the group consisting of nylon, Teflon, sailcloth, Dacron, vinyl, artificial turf, synthetic carpet and polyester resins.
11. (Withdrawn) The slide of claim 1 wherein bumpers or rails are employed along said top surface to minimize risk of a user inadvertently falling from said slide.
12. (Withdrawn) The slide of claim 1 wherein said top surface is provided with moguls to provide said top surface with an uneven contour.
13. (Withdrawn) The slide of claim 1 wherein areas of high friction are provided on said top surface.
14. (Withdrawn) The slide of claim 13 wherein said areas of high friction are provided at the beginning and at the end of the low friction durable sheeting layer to assist the user in remaining at a fixed location at the top of the slide and for slowing forward movement at the bottom of the slide.

15. (Withdrawn) The slide of claim 13 wherein said areas of high friction are positioned along said top surface to present to a user, areas of high and low friction as the user traverses said slide.

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18. (Withdrawn) The slide of claim 1 wherein a bungee is supported proximate said slide.

19. (Withdrawn) The slide of claim 1 wherein a zip line is elevated above said slide.

20. (Withdrawn) The slide of claim 1 wherein at least one rail is positioned along said top surface sized and positioned to enable a user to optionally slide upon said rail as the usage traverses said slide.

21. (Withdrawn) The slide of claim 20 wherein said rail is substantially covered with a low friction, durable sheeting layer.

22. (Withdrawn) The slide of claim 5 wherein said base is constructed to enable said slide to float in a body of water.

23. (Withdrawn) A sliding activity center comprising in combination:

a. a slide for supporting a user, said slide having a slide top surface, at least a portion of which is inclined to facilitate gravity induced sliding, said slide top surface being characterized as having a low friction durable sheeting layer which enables the user to traverse thereon whether said top surface is wet or dry; and

b. an appended activity section having an activity section top surface positioned such that a user can transition between said slide and said appended activity section while traversing between said slide top surface and said activity center top surface.

24. (Withdrawn) The sliding activity center of claim 23 wherein said slide top surface is supported by a base, a portion of which is inclined to facilitate gravity induced sliding on said slide top surface.
25. (Withdrawn) The sliding activity center of claim 23 wherein said activity section top surface is supported by an activity section base of a construction to facilitate user induced bouncing motion thereon.
26. (Withdrawn) The sliding activity center of claim 23 wherein said activity section comprises a trampoline.
27. (Withdrawn) The sliding activity center of claim 24 wherein said base of said slide comprises an air inflatable membrane.
28. (Withdrawn) The sliding activity center of claim 25 wherein said activity center base comprises an air inflatable membrane.
29. (Withdrawn) The slide of claim 27 further comprising an air blower for maintaining inflation of said membrane.
30. (Withdrawn) The sliding activity center of claim 23 wherein said durable sheeting material comprises sheeting sized to lay upon and substantially cover said slide top surface.
31. (Withdrawn) The sliding activity center of claim 23 wherein said durable sheeting material comprises a surface membrane permanently adhered to said sliding base.
32. (Withdrawn) The sliding activity center of claim 26 further comprising at least one ramp appended to said trampoline for receiving a user exiting from said trampoline.

33. (Withdrawn) The sliding activity center of claim 32 wherein said ramp is provided with a ramp top surface supported by a base, a portion of which is inclined to facilitate gravity induced sliding upon said ramp top surface.
34. (Withdrawn) The sliding activity center of claim 33 wherein said slide, trampoline and ramp are selectively detachable from one another to facilitate shipment of said sliding activity center and to enable a user to interchange various component parts of said sliding activity center to enhance its flexibility.
35. (Withdrawn) The sliding activity center of claim 32 wherein said ramp comprises a ramp base having a ramp top surface of a low friction, durable sheeting layer enabling the user to transverse thereon whether said ramp top surface is wet or dry.
36. (Withdrawn) The sliding activity center of claim 23 wherein said activity section comprises at least one rail sized and positioned to enable a user to optimally slide upon said rail as said user transverses said activity center.
37. (Withdrawn) The sliding activity center of claim 33 wherein the angle of inclination between said trampoline and said ramp top surface is adjustable.
38. (Withdrawn) A sliding exercise apparatus and recreational device comprising a sports vehicle, being of sufficient size and rigidity to support a user, said sports vehicle having a top for contacting the user and a bottom for sliding upon a slide, said slide having a top surface, said top surface being characterized as having low friction, durable sheeting layer which enables a user to traverse thereon whether said top surface is wet or dry.
39. (Withdrawn) The sliding exercise apparatus and recreational device of claim 38 wherein said sports vehicle is provided with a low friction, durable sheeting layer appended to and supported by the bottom of said vehicle.

40. (Withdrawn) The sliding exercise apparatus and recreational device of claim 38 wherein at least a portion of which is inclined to facilitate gravity induced sliding on said top surface.

41. (Withdrawn) The sliding exercise apparatus and recreational device of claim 38 wherein said sports vehicle is a commercially available sports board modified for use herein.

42. (Withdrawn) The sliding exercise apparatus and recreational device of claim 38 wherein said sports vehicle is one created for use herein.

43. (Withdrawn) The sliding exercise and recreational device of claim 41 wherein said commercially available sports vehicle has been modified by the removal of any sharp edges which could cause damage to said top surface.

44. (Withdrawn) The sliding exercise apparatus and recreational device of claim 41 wherein said commercially available sports vehicle has been modified by removal of any fins which could cause damage to said top surface.

45. (Withdrawn) The sliding exercise apparatus and recreational device of claim 41 wherein said commercially available sports vehicle has been modified by applying to the bottom surface of said sports vehicle a durable, low friction sheeting layer.

46. (Withdrawn) The sliding exercise apparatus and recreational device of claim 38 wherein said sports vehicle is a non-commercially available sports vehicle produced and dedicated for use with said slide.

47. (Withdrawn) The sliding exercise apparatus and recreational device of claim 46 wherein said sports vehicle comprises a rigid core supporting on its bottom surface a durable, low friction sheeting layer.

48. (Withdrawn) The sliding exercise apparatus of claim 38 wherein said vehicle is a member selected from the group consisting of roller skates, roller blades, skateboards, skis, water skis, sleds, air mats, rubber/foam mats, body boards,

skim boards, knee boards, wake boards, ice skates, surfboards, snowboards, mountain boards, sand boards, sail boards, snow luge, street luge, knee pads, elbow pads, wrist guards, clothes, suits, shoes, socks, plush vehicles, plush animals, plush objects, scooters, bikes, tricycles, snowmobiles, spheres, discs, sheets, bags and cases.

49. (Withdrawn) The sliding exercise apparatus of claim 38 wherein each of said low friction durable sheeting layers comprises a member selected from the group consisting of nylon, Texlon, sailcloth, Dacron, vinyl, artificial turf, synthetic carpet and polyester resins.

50. (Withdrawn) The sliding exercise apparatus of claim 38 wherein said top surface of said slide is supported by a base, a portion of which is inclined to facilitate gravity induced sliding on said top surface.

51. (Withdrawn) The sliding exercise apparatus of claim 50 wherein said base comprises an air inflatable membrane.

52. (Withdrawn) The sliding exercise apparatus of claim 38 wherein proximate said top surface of said slide includes at least one magnet and said sports vehicle includes at least one magnet positioned to repel said at least one magnet proximate the surface of said slide.

53. (Withdrawn) A sliding exercise apparatus and recreational device comprising the combination of a sports board for supporting a user and a sliding activity center upon which said sports board is intended to traverse, the sliding activity center comprising a slide for supporting a user, said slide having a slide top surface, said slide top surface being characterized as having a low friction durable sheeting layer which enables a user on said sports board to traverse thereon whether the top surface is wet or dry and an appended activity section having an activity section top surface joined to said slide and positioned such that a user on said sports board can transition

from said slide to said appended activity section while traversing between said slide top surface and said activity section top surface.

54. (Withdrawn) The sliding exercise apparatus and recreational device of claim 53 wherein said sports board is a commercially available sports board modified for use herein.

55. (Withdrawn) The sliding exercise apparatus and recreational device of claim 53 wherein said sports board is one created for use herein.

56. (Withdrawn) The sliding exercise and recreational device of claim 54 wherein said commercially available sports board has been modified by the removal of any sharp edges which could cause damage to said top surface.

57. (Withdrawn) The sliding exercise apparatus and recreational device of claim 54 wherein said commercially available sports board has been modified by removal of any fins which could cause damage to said top surface.

58. (Withdrawn) The sliding exercise apparatus and recreational device of claim 54 wherein said commercially available sports board has been modified by applying to the bottom surface of said sports board a durable, low friction sheeting layer.

59. (Withdrawn) The sliding exercise apparatus and recreational device of claim 53 wherein said sports board is a non-commercially available sports board produced and dedicated for use with said slide.

60. (Withdrawn) The sliding exercise apparatus and recreational device of claim 59 wherein said sports board comprises a rigid core supporting on its bottom surface a durable, low friction sheeting layer.

61. (Withdrawn) The sliding exercise apparatus and recreational device of claim 53 in which the appended activity section comprises a trampoline.

62. (Withdrawn) The sliding exercise apparatus and recreational device of claim 53 wherein said slide top surface is supported by a base, a portion of which is inclined to facilitate gravity induced sliding on said slide top surface.

63. (Withdrawn) The sliding exercise apparatus and recreational device of claim 53 wherein said activity section top surface is supported by an activity center base of a construction to facilitate user induced bouncing motion thereon.

64. (Withdrawn) The sliding exercise apparatus and recreational device of claim 63 wherein said slide comprises an air inflatable membrane.

65. (Withdrawn) The sliding exercise apparatus and recreational device of claim 63 wherein said activity section base comprises an air inflatable membrane.

66. (Withdrawn) The sliding exercise apparatus and recreational device of claim 53 further comprising at least one ramp acting as an element of said activity section.

67. (Withdrawn) The sliding exercise apparatus and recreational device of claim 66 wherein said ramp is provided with a ramp top surface supported by a base, a portion of which is inclined to facilitate gravity induced sliding upon said ramp top surface.

68. (Withdrawn) The sliding exercise apparatus and recreational device of claim 67 further comprising a trampoline wherein said slide, trampoline and ramp are selectively detachable from one another to facilitate shipment of said sliding exercise apparatus and recreational device and to enable a user to interchange various component parts of said sliding exercise apparatus and recreational device to enhance its flexibility.

69. (Withdrawn) The sliding exercise apparatus and recreational device of claim 67 wherein said ramp comprises a ramp base having a ramp top surface of a low friction, durable sheeting layer enabling the user to transverse thereon whether said ramp surface is wet or dry.

70. (Withdrawn) The sliding exercise apparatus and recreational device of claim 68 wherein said angle of inclination between said trampoline and said ramp top surface is adjustable.

71. (Withdrawn) A sliding exercise apparatus and recreational device comprising, in combination, a slide, said slide having a top surface, at least a portion of which is inclined to facilitate gravity induced sliding thereon, said top surface being further characterized as having low friction, durable sheeting layer which enables a user to traverse thereon both when said top surface is wet and dry and a membrane of low friction, durable sheeting for supporting a user as said user traverses the top surface of said slide wherein said top surface and membrane are designed to contact one another for sliding upon said top surface.

72. (Withdrawn) The sliding exercise apparatus and recreational device of claim 71 wherein said membrane and top surface comprise a member selected from the group consisting of nylon, Texlon, sailcloth, Dacron, vinyl, artificial turf, synthetic carpet and polyester resins.

73. (Withdrawn) The sliding exercise apparatus and recreational device of claim 71 wherein said base comprises an air inflatable membrane.

74. (Withdrawn) The sliding exercise apparatus and recreational device of claim 73 wherein said slide is portable such that said air inflatable membrane can be deflated for shipping and inflated on-site for use.

75. (Withdrawn) The sliding exercise apparatus and recreational device of claim 71 wherein said durable sheeting layer comprises sheeting sized to lay upon and substantially fully cover said top surface.

76. (Withdrawn) The sliding exercise apparatus and recreational device of claim 71 wherein said durable sheeting layer is permanently adhered to said base.

77. (Withdrawn) The sliding exercise apparatus and recreational device of claim 71 wherein said slide is appended to an activity section such that a user, supported by said membrane, can transition between said slide top surface and said activity as said user employs said sliding exercise apparatus and recreational device.

78. (Withdrawn) The sliding exercise apparatus and recreational device of claim 77 wherein said activity section is of a construction to facilitate user induced bouncing motion.

79. (Withdrawn) The sliding exercise apparatus and recreational device of claim 78 wherein said activity section comprises a trampoline.

80. (Withdrawn) The sliding exercise apparatus and recreational device of claim 78 further comprising at least one ramp appended to said activity section for receiving a user exiting from said activity section .

81. (Withdrawn) The sliding exercise apparatus and recreational device of claim 80 wherein said ramp is inclined from said activity section to facilitate gravity induced sliding thereon.

82. (Withdrawn) The sliding exercise apparatus and recreational device of claim 81 wherein the angle of inclination between said activity section and said ramp is adjustable.

83. (Withdrawn) The sliding exercise apparatus and recreational device of claim 71 wherein said membrane comprises a sheet of low friction, durable sheeting material upon which a user resides as said user traverses said slide top surface.

84. (Withdrawn) The sliding exercise apparatus and recreational device of claim 71 wherein said membrane comprises at least one patch adhered to said user.

85. (Withdrawn) The sliding exercise apparatus and recreational device of claim 84 wherein said at least one patch is adhered to the feet of the user.

86. (Withdrawn) The sliding exercise apparatus and recreational device of claim 84 wherein said at least one patch is adhered to the knees of the user.
87. (Withdrawn) The slide of claim 1 further including a zip line suspended from said top surface and a bungee cord appended to said zip line for releasable attachment to a user of said slide.
88. (Original) The slide of claim 1 wherein means are provided for introducing snow and ice to said top surface.
89. (Withdrawn) A sliding exercise apparatus and recreational device comprising in combination a riding element being of sufficient size to support a user, said riding element being configured for riding along a slide, and a slide having a top surface, at least a portion of which is inclined to facilitate gravity induced sliding on the top surface.
90. (Withdrawn) The sliding exercise apparatus and recreational device of claim 89 wherein said riding element comprises a rigid board with at least one wheel for contacting said top surface.
91. (Withdrawn) The sliding exercise apparatus and recreational device of claim 89 wherein said riding element comprises an inflated or padded sphere with an opening for accepting a user.
92. (Withdrawn) The sliding exercise apparatus and recreational device of claim 91 when said inflated sphere includes an inner surface and is provided with a continuous membrane of durable, low friction sheeting layer on said inner surface.
93. (Withdrawn) A method of sliding comprising extending a dry membrane of low friction durable sheeting material upon a surface and sliding upon said dry membrane along at least a portion thereof.

94. (Withdrawn) The method of claim 93 wherein at least a portion of said surface is inclined to facilitate gravity-induced sliding thereon.
95. (Withdrawn) The method of claim 93 wherein said low friction durable sheeting material is bound to a supporting membrane.
96. (Withdrawn) The method of claim 94 wherein said membrane is inflated with air prior to sliding.
97. (Withdrawn) The method of claim 94 wherein said membrane is stuffed with a member selected from the group consisting of foam and rubber.
98. (Withdrawn) The method of claim 93 wherein multiple sections of membrane are joined end to end or side to side prior to sliding.
99. (Withdrawn) The method of claim 93 wherein a vehicle is employed for sliding upon said dry membrane.
100. (Withdrawn) The method of claim 99 wherein said vehicle is sized to support a user during sliding and is provided with at least one surface of a low friction durable coating.
101. (Withdrawn) The method of claim 93 wherein said low friction durable sheeting material has written indicia printed thereon.
102. (New) The slide of claim 1, further comprising a fluid conduit for introducing a fluid onto said top surface of said slide.
103. (New) The slide of claim 102, wherein said fluid conduit for introducing a fluid onto said top surface includes a fluid pump.

104. (New) A composite slide comprising:
the slide of claim 1; and
a second slide, said second slide having a top surface to facilitate sliding thereon, said top surface comprising a low friction, durable sheeting material;
wherein said two slides are detachably joined together.
105. (New) The composite slide of claim 104, wherein said two slides are joined side by side.
106. (New) The composite slide of claim 104, wherein said two slides are joined end to end.
107. (New) The composite slide of claim 104, wherein said two slides are joined with grommets.
108. (New) In combination:
the slide of claim 1; and
a riding element being of sufficient size to support a user, said riding element configured for riding on said slide.
109. (New) The combination of claim 108, wherein said riding element includes a low friction durable sheeting material for sliding upon said top surface of said slide.
110. (New) The slide of claim 102 wherein said fluid is water.
111. (New) The slide of claim 1, further comprising a plurality of appended activity sections which are detachable from said slide.
112. (New) The slide of claim 111, wherein at least one of the plurality of activity sections includes a trampoline.
113. (New) The slide of claim 111, wherein at least a portion of at least one of the plurality of activity sections includes a low friction durable sheeting material.